

REMARKS

Claim 118 was introduced by a supplemental amendment filed on February 12, 2002 and is hereby amended to correct a typographical omission. No new matter is presented by virtue of this Amendment. For example, support for amended claim language appears in original claim 34.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment prior to examination.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
(Additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed)

IN THE CLAIMS

118. (amended) A method of producing a composite solid polymer electrolyte membrane (SPEM) comprising a porous polymer substrate interpenetrated with an ion-conducting material, said method comprising the steps of preparing a mixture of the polymer substrate and the ion-conducting material in a common solvent and casting or extruding the composite SPEM from the mixture, and wherein the SPEM is substantially thermally stable to temperatures of at least about 100°C.